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In re Patent Application of: NII, Yukako

Application No.: 09/499,401

Group Art Unit: 2174

Filed: Feb. 7, 2000

Examiner: VU, Thanh T

For: Information Processing Apparatus And Method With Graphical User Interface

Allowing Processing Condition To Be Set By Drag And Drop, And Medium On Which

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## **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2003 (Paper No. 17), the period for responding thereto having been extended to the present by Petition, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

## **Introductory Comments**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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